

Human Trafficking Advisory Board Minutes of October 27, 2017 Meeting Approved by Board 1-19-18

Members Present:

Pat Colloton, Assistant Attorney General

Jennifer Montgomery, Director of Human Trafficking Education and Outreach and PIO, AG Office

Dorthy Halley, Director, AG Victim Services Division

Derrick Wilczek, Det., Overland Park PD and FBI Task Force Officer

Debbie Kennedy, CEO, Wichita Children's Home

Ed Klumpp, Representative of Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas

Sheriff's Association and Kansas Peace Officers Association

Kris Wade, Executive Director, The Justice Projectko

Angie Jones, Special Agent, KBI and FBI Task Force Officer

Vicky Luttrell, Victim Advocate

Marci Francisco, Senator

Brad Burke, Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, DOL

Carole Nistler, Johnson Co. Victim Advocate

Professor Sharon Sullivan, Washburn University

AUSA Christine Kenny, USDOJ

Guests:

Dawn Rouse, OJA, for Judge Dan Cahill

Frank Papish, KBI, Special Investigations, for Director Kirk Thompson

Mark Masterson, for Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Wichita State Center to Combat Human Trafficking

Jim Johnson, Juvenile Services, DOC for Deputy Secretary Randall Bowman, DOC

Barbara Walk, Sgt. Overland Park, PD

Bob Johnson

Corey Nicolet, Deputy Sheriff, Lyon County Shawn Cowing, Director of Governor's Grants Program

Chair Colloton opened the meeting at 1:04 PM.

Chair Colloton gave the Law Enforcement Committee report. A half-day training on human trafficking issues will be presented at the Kansas Sheriff's Association Conference in Mulvane on November 15, 2017. More than 200 Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs will attend the training. Dorthy Halley gave the Victim Services Committee report and noted that again this year the number of victim's served by grantees of the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund has increased. Jennifer Montgomery gave the Anti-Demand Committee report and noted that plans for discussion of anti-demand issues are being made for a subsequent HTAB meeting.

Deputy Sheriff Corey Nicolet (Lyon County) explained to HTAB his proposal to set up a state/local task force for anti-demand efforts. The idea was to have a small group of law enforcement officers who were trained to do "John" stings and who could offer to assist local law enforcement in various communities with setting up and executing the arrest of buyers of sexual relations.

Shawn Cowing from the Governor's Grants Office provided an overview of the Grant Office responsibilities and oversight on grants. He highlighted possible grants for law enforcement and possible grants for service groups who work with human trafficking victims. He noted that the JAG and VOCA grants might be well suited for human trafficking projects. This fiscal year they received \$4.6M in requests and were able to hand out \$2.2M in awards. Director Cowing noted that every three years a priority list of possible areas for grants is adopted and in 2018 a new list will be adopted. Director Cowing suggested that the Chair of HTAB should try to make sure human trafficking grants are on the priority list for the coming three years.

A special presentation was made by a young man, Bob Johnson, who had been a juvenile victim of human trafficking and by the former HTAB board member, Sgt. Barbara Walk, Overland Park PD. Bob Johnson had been a labor trafficking victim and was rescued by OP PD. He was taken to the Wichita Children's Home which has a special facility designed to provide necessary services for human trafficking victims and is licensed as the only such facility in Kansas. Officer Koos, Overland Park PD, was recognized by the HTAB for her persistence at the initial traffic stop that ultimately led to Bob's freedom.

Senator Marci Francisco provided information on Text911. The program begins in Kansas on November 2, 2017. A combination of jurisdictions across the state have combined to make texting in emergency situations an option in many parts of the state. More information can be found on the Kansas 911 website.

Jim Johnson's presentation on Juvenile Intake screening for human trafficking will be held until the January HTAB meeting. Legislative efforts will be discussed at the January HTAB meeting.

Chair Colloton adjourned the meeting at 2:37pm